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Ref: 3810-22211

Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
Post Office Box 94275
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4275

Re: Hearing Application
Marg A Zone, Reservoir A
SORRENTO FIELD
Ascension Parish, Louisiana
Applicant: Novus Louisiana, LLC

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, application is hereby made on behalf of **Novus Louisiana, LLC** for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Marg A Zone, Reservoir A, in the Sorrento Field, Ascension Parish, Louisiana.

1. To create a single drilling and production unit of approximately 292 acres for the Marg A Zone, Reservoir A, designated as the MA RA SUA, Sorrento Field, Ascension Parish, Louisiana, all as shown more particularly on the attached plat;
2. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the said unit;
3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the unit so created, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation;
4. To consider such other matters relating to the subject reservoir as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the public hearing.

The Marg A Zone, Reservoir A in the Sorrento Field, Ascension Parish, Louisiana is hereby defined as being that gas and condensate bearing Zone encountered between the measured depths of 8,787 feet and 10,400 feet (electrical log measurements) in the Austral Exploration Co.-M. C. Fridge No. 1 Well, located in Section 4, Township 10 South, Range 4 East, Ascension Parish, Louisiana.

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In compliance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, a pre-application conference was held in Lafayette, Louisiana on August 15, 2005. Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a list of the names and addresses of the parties who were in attendance at that conference.

The conference was opened by Mr. William F. Bailey. Mr. E. Holmes Smart, presented the plan of applicant. Questions were asked and answered. It is not anticipated that there will be opposition at the public hearing on this matter. Subsequent to the conference, a slight revision to the northern boundary of the unit was made by applicant moving the geographic boundary to the north and increasing the unit size to 292 acres. It is this unit which will be pursued by applicant. If any interested party, interested owner or represented party wishes to confer about this revision, please contact Mr. Holmes or the undersigned.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a revised plat outlining the MA RA SUA, Sorrento Field, Ascension Parish, Louisiana, and a list of the names and addresses of the interested owners, represented parties and interested parties to whom this notice is being sent. It is hereby certified that a reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all interested owners, represented parties and interested parties.

A copy of the list of the names and addresses of the interested owners, represented parties and interested parties is not being mailed to those parties along with this application. Should any such party desire a copy of this list, however, we will be glad to provide one upon request.

Any pertinent data relating to the proposed unit can be obtained, AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY, from Mr. E. Holmes Smart, Jr., P. O. Box 51943, Lafayette, LA 70505 (337) 232-4031.

Finally, there is enclosed herewith our check on behalf of the applicant in the amount of \$755.00, made payable to the Office of Conservation, representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,


William F. Bailey

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Attachments

cc: Mr. Richard D. Hudson
District Manager, Office of Conservation

All Interested Owners, Represented Parties and
Interested Parties

